not in position in 38 KVs located in North East Region and 22 out of them are in Assam. However, internal arrangements are made by deputing Vice-Principals and senior Post Graduate Teachers (PGTs) to such KVs to act as in-charge Principal.

(b) Out of 38 acting Principals in the North East Region 11 are deputed from outside the North-East Region.

(c) Recruitment in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) for all posts, excepts for Group 'D', is done on all india basis, through open competition. Candidates from the North-East can also apply and compete for these posts.

(d) Year-wise number of Teaching and other Non-Teaching staff recruited during last five years are as under:

Sl.No.	Academic Year	No. of staff recruited		Total
		Teaching staff	Non-Teaching staff	
1.	2002-03	1091	Nil	1091
2.	2003-04	1756	Nil	1756
3.	2004-05	1029	Nil	1029
4.	2005-06	453	Nil	453
5.	2006-07	Nil	Nil	Nil

Setting up of a Central Madarsa Board

*560. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions has recommended setting up of a Central Madarsa Board through an Act of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a committee had suggested to Government for introduction of modern education in madarsas; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions has submitted in April 2007, a report based on a conference held by it at New Delhi on the 3rd December 2006, recommending the establishment of a Central Madarsa Board through an Act of Parliament for the "standardization of the Madarsa system of education" without interfering in the theological content thereof.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has been implementing a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme, since 1993 providing financial assistance, for the introduction of modern subjects in those Madarsas which voluntarily apply through the respective State Governments.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Impact of climate change

4122. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that now the UN's IPCC on April 6, 2007 has categorically mentioned India as a high risk area about the impact of climate change in India; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to at least monitor parameters relating to the melting of glaciers in the Himalayan ranges?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The UN's IPCC Report provides a global assessment of observed climate change, climate processes and estimates of projected future climate change at the continental level. No country specific findings have been reported.

(b) Government has initiated a Himalayan Glaciology Programme for monitoring glacier environments, physical characteristics, and paleo-climatology of Himalayan glaciers.

Gangotri glacier system, Satopanth and Bhagirath Kharak in the Alaknanda catchment, Durung Drung glacier, Zanskar, Ladakh and Naradu